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Bhavani House,
Ootacamund, 18th May
1899.

My dear Madhava Rao,

Please see the accom-
-panying. The Resident's remarks, I
do not quite understand, in the
absence of information regarding the
facts on which they are based. You
probably know them and will be
able to communicate your views
on points of detail to our re-
-presentatives.

Srinivasaiyar tells me
you had some consultation with

X Copy of Resident's letter & two telegrams.

Dr Benson, Dr Dobson, Yes before you left Bangalore. Could the present letter of the Resident have been written, because of anything settled or not settled at that consultation or of any difference of opinion — thereat? Surely we have accepted and acted upon the general principle that the system for City and Station of Bangalore should be identical. Why then this letter from the Resident now? I have not yet seen him, but I am telling him by D.O. that I have appointed my representatives and asked you to communicate with them -

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The Bangalore meeting of our and Residents' representatives will send their proceedings up here - Please write to let me know your views, before the proceedings arrive, unless you are coming here yourself instead of going to Madras, as suggested in my last letter to you - It is very fine, sunny and quite enjoyable up here now -

Yours Very Sincerely,
Sd K. Sheshadri Iyer.

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D.O. Letter dated Cotacamund 18th May 1899 from Col. D. Robertson Resident in Mysore to the Dewan of Mysore:.

My dear Dewan,

I think it necessary that there should at once be a meeting at Bangalore between representatives from the city civil and military station to arrange, so far as this may be possible, identical treatment for all arrivals. At present this varies and difficulties are not unlikely to arise. The Durbar authorities now resort to forcible inoculation, this may not be intended, but the effect of the existing rules are to compel people to be inoculated the alternative offered (it is not always offered) is imprisonment

I am sorry to differ. Inoculation is not forcible. The Resident probably bases his opinion on a Complaint made two months ago by some railway Coolies— My explanatory letter will show its point [illegible] it is offered (-

file with other papers.
The point for Settlement is that non-inoculated persons from affected parts, shall be observed for 10 days instead of being locked up for 10 days in a segregation camp

2/5/99.

Let us await what the meeting recommends

5/ Segregation but as most people prefer to be inoculated the result is that in the city you are depending entirely upon inoculation for supervision over arrivals from infected areas. This seems to be hardly safe especially as I understand that certificates of inoculation more than 6 months old are accepted as freeing the holder from liability to inoculation or examination

Your Subordinates in carrying out the rules seem to allow their zeal to outrun their discretion They tried the other day to forcibly inoculate a High Court Judge; he told me this himself. You will I feel sure agree that the application of these rules should

2 I do not know if we rely entirely on inoculation for supervision by I will ascertain & write again

4 I am not sure this is done but I will ascertain

5 There is evidently some misapprehension here. When I was last in Bangalore about the 11th & 12th instant Mr Choksi on hearing of the complaint from Dr Benson made special enquiries. The Ward medical officer who is an Indian Surgeon denied having ever gone to the Well but Hotel & offered to inoculate any European official who must have tried a practical joke with the Indian

Telegrams dated Ootacamund 18th May 1899 from the Secretary to the Govt of Mysore, to Assistant Secretary Plague Branch, Bangalore

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1st Telegram

Issue orders asking Doctor Benson, Mr Puttanna Chetty and Dr Chokai to be Durbar representatives for meeting Mr Dobbs, Colonel Dobson and Captain Roe and arranging identical system of plague administration for City and Station and devising measures to prevent Railway passengers from affected tracts alighting at Stations short of Bangalore and entering Bangalore without examination.

2nd Telegram.

See Telegram directing meeting of Durbar and British Officers to settle combined plague system for City and Station. They should send their proposals to Ootacamund for

settlement by Resident and
Durban. Instruct our officers
accordingly - Wire progress -

THE RESIDENT
MYSORE

BANGALORE.

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26/7/98
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Secret No

My dear Dewar -

I think it necessary that there should shortly be a meeting at Bangalore - between representatives from the City & Cantonment to arrange - so far as this may be possible - identical treatment for all animals. At present there varies - and difficulties are not unlikely to arise - The Cantonment authorities now resort to forcible inoculation - this may not be intended, but the effect of the existing Rules are to compel people to be inoculated. The alternative (1)
(it is not always offered)
2) Offered is 10 days segregation. but as most people prefer to be inocd:

the result is that in the City even on defending entirely upon
revocation for supervision over arrivals from infected areas. This
seems the hardly safe. especially as I understand that anticipatic
3) if more were than 6 months old are accepted as giving the holder
from liability to more or exam: Even subordinates in carrying
out the Rules seem to allow their Zeal to outrun their discretion
4) they tried the Mayor to forcibly evacuate a Hospital ship!! (he told me this himself)
M I feel sure agree that the application of these Rules should be
carefully safeguarded - + as you have admitted in principle the necessity
for the same measures in the City + Cork St., I shall be much obliged
if you will kindly write + order 2 or 3 representatives direct to Dobbs
Col Dobson + Capt Rose on my side, to prepare identical arrangements

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the proposals can then be sent up to town & we can mutually settle

what is necessary.

I find that our people on the Caleta St. have also gone beyond the

necessities of the case in dealing with arrests from non infected

areas. This I have stopped.

A very important point which the Joint Com. will have to settle

is the question of evasions of Rules by persons who descend

at Stations short of Bangalore & continue their journeys

[illegible] a case of Plague was thus imported into the Caleta St.

It has been suggested to me that the Govt should be asked to

forbid bookings from infected areas to Stations short of Bangalore

I do not think that Govt. agree to this - nor does it seem to me necessary

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I am sure Mr Lankester Plague could arrange that the Police guards
visits from Stations & Roads - Asst Inspectors on leave - take
possible Dr Benson. Dr Chowksi & another Officer could efficiently
represent the Station - & arrange what is necessary —
for an Expert Committee

Yours Robertson

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18-V-99

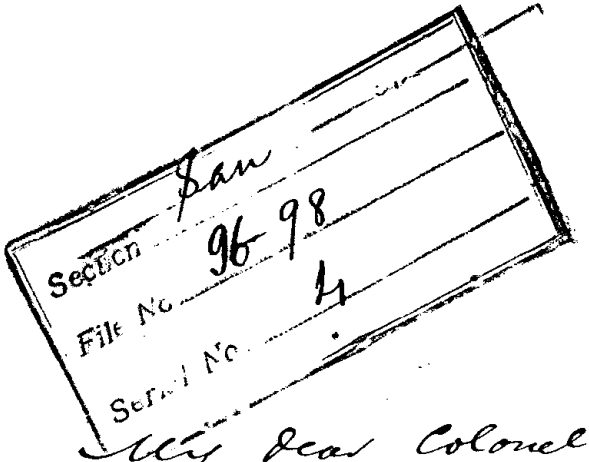
Please see para 2 of the enclosed report —

Mr
Wire instructions to Bangalore (Asst Sec Plague Dept)

Dr Benson, Mr Puttanna Chetty, & Dr Chowksi
to be Madras representatives for meeting the B. officers
named and arranging identical System of Plague
advice for City & Station, and devising measures
for prevent persons alighting at Station Limits of Bangalore
& Entering by trains & proceeding to Bangalore
without Examn. W 18-5-99

Railway Department
Public Health

Madras City Telegraph Office
Received at 10 hrs
Sent to Mr Lankester
Plague Officer



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Ootacamund,
18th May 1899.

My dear Colonel Robertson,

I have received your D.O of today regarding Plague administration of City and Station of Bangalore - I have in accordance with your suggestion wired instructions for the meeting of Durbar and British Officers as per copy of telegrams enclosed. I am writing to Mr Madhava Row to send his views to the Durbar representatives, and also to send them to me here, so that when the Proceedings of the meeting reach us from Bangalore, we may be able to

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settle the whole system on a definite basis.

Yours sincerely

K. Sheshadri Iyer

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BANGALORE.

Secret Only —

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My dear Dewan.

I am very thankful for the prompt action taken in respect to the joint Committee regarding Plague measures —

I am very sorry to see this file —

It seems to me that the Durbar's present programme is hardly distinguishable from Compulsory inoculation — The penalty of

refusal is so drastic, that few persons would consent to undergo it - If persons arrivals are to be locked up for 10 days, instead of being merely observed & compelled to report themselves, it seems true that the protective measures are unnecessarily severe, and that they may tend to generate the unpopularity and antagonism to our Operations which you & I are so

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anxious to avoid a harassing if even
(with rare exceptions from inspecting officers)
not satisfied state more of the men are
mainly
depending upon a measure the protection
to be derived from which is not certain.

Kindly return the file when done with

Yours faithfully

D. Robertson.

Un heureux événement
Mercredi 9 Janvier
Mlle Marie Mathilde Lucienne
Mme Vve Delaporte
née Marie Mathilde Lucienne
Mme Vve Delaporte
née Marie Mathilde Lucienne
21-5-28

Identical system of Plague
administration for City and
Cantonment Station of Bangalore.